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SUBJECT: COURT DECISION UPHOLDS CRTC POWER

REF: OTTAWA A-654, DEC. 20, 1974

1. FEDERAL COURT OF APPEAL HAS UPHELD AUTHORITY OF CANADIAN RADIO-TELEVISION COMMISSION TO REQUIRE DELETION OF COMMERCIALS ON US TELEVISION PROGRAMS RELAYED THROUGH CABLE SYSTEMS. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE COURT WAS UNANIMOUS IN ITS VERDICT BUT THAT PRESIDING JUDGE'S SUPPLEMENTARY OPINION WENT FURTHER THAN POSITION OF HIS BRETHREN WHEN HE ASSERTED THAT THE U.S. BROADCASTERS "HAVE NO RIGHT TO HAVE THEIR SIGNALS RECEIVED IN CANADA IN ANY FORM, WHETHER ALTERED (MINUS COMMERCIALS) OR UNALTERED. NOR HAVE THEY ANY RIGHT TO REQUIRE THAT THE LICENSE (OF A CANADIAN CABLE FIRM) CONFORM TO THEIR REQUIREMENTS OR DEMANDS."

2. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD COPY OF DECISION TO DEPARTMENT (EB/TT/TD) WHEN AVAILABLE. IN MEANTIME, DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOTE THAT THIS CASE IS DISTINCT FROM THE PENDING ACTION AGAINST ROGERS CABLE OF TORONTO IN WHEN TRADEMARK VIOLATION IS ALLEGED. PORTER

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